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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 5839

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, UN, EC

SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE: INVITATION TO PRG

REFS: (A) STATE 221353; (B) STATE 222622; (C) USUN 4611

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED EMBASSY TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT URGENTLY AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO URGE NEGATIVE VOTE IN EVENT OF ATTEMPT IN UNGA TO INVITE PRG-VN TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE. REFERENCE B URGED THAT PRIORITY EFFORT BE GIVEN TO THIS PROJECT. REFERENCE C REPORTED THAT ECUADOREAN MISSION CHARGE IN NEW YORK TOLD U.S. MISSION OFFICER THAT ECUADOR WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE AGAINST INVITATION TO PRG IF ISSUE PUT TO VOTE AND USUN THEREFORE BELIEVED IT UNNECESSARY TO RAISE ISSUE WITH GOE.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REF C, ON NOVEMBER 12, EMBASSY CONVEYED FORMAL NOTE TO GOE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBOFF CALLED ON ACTING CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT (GOMEZ JURADO) IN ORDER TO STRESS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE. GOMEZ JURADO EXPRESSED THE
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VIEW THAT OUR NOTE, WHICH DRAWS ALMOST VERBATIM UPON

ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REF A, WAS VERY
PERSUASIVE AND THAT PRG INDEED HAS NONE OF THE ATTRIBUTES
OF A STATE OR A GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD
RECOMMEND ACCORDINGLY WITHIN HIS MINISTRY.

3. BASED ON THESE REMARKS AND ECUADOREAN CHARGE'S STATEMENT
REPORTED FROM NEW YORK, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE CAN
BE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT ECUADOR WILL VOTE THE
RIGHT WAY IF ISSUE EVER PUT TO VOTE.

4. FFFFFFFYYYYYYYYYI: ECUADOR RECOGNIZES BUT HAS NOT EXCHANGED
AMBASSADORS WITH GVN AS SUGGESTED PARA 8 REF A. END
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